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**THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE
R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.**

THE Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the evening of Wednesday, the 10th May, on which occasion his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past Grand Senior Warden, will preside. It will not surprise our readers when we tell them that a Board of Stewards, which can boast of Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, as its president, Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, as its acting President, and Brother Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., President of the Lodge of Benevolence, as its Honorary Treasurer, is likely to turn out an unusually strong one, and our hopes of a heavy subscription list are, as a matter of course, of a commensurately sanguine hue. His Royal Highness has already fulfilled the important duties of Chairman at a Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and though the circumstances of the year he did so were so unfavourable as to prevent the announcement of a total that was formidable beyond the average of recent years, yet, under his kindly influence, a sum of something like £11,000 was realised. This year we seem to be, commercially, somewhat better circumstanced than we were in 1878, and it is most probable, therefore, under the circumstances, that the Duke's advocacy of the claims of this admirable Institution on the support of the Craft will bear more abundant fruit than at his former essay. When his brother, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, presided at the Festival of this School in 1880, Bro. Hedges had the good fortune to be in a position to announce receipts considerably in excess of £13,000, and Brother Terry was similarly fortunate when the same member of the Royal Family undertook to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, though, as ill-luck would have it, His Royal Highness at the last moment was unable, through indisposition, to carry into effect his kindly intention, and his place was supplied by the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire. Equally marked have been the successes achieved at those of our Charitable Anniversaries at which our Grand Master has presided, and hence we are justified in auguring from these facts a very satisfactory result on the eventful Wednesday week, when the merits of the Institution at Battersea are set lucidly before the Craft by the most illustrious of the Past Grand Senior Wardens of England.

As is our custom, we shall now proceed to lay before our readers a brief summary of the claims which our Girls' School has on the benevolence of the Craft. Though at all times we are desirous of exhibiting the strictest impartiality in dealing with our three Institutions; and though we always endeavour to speak of them as being equally deserving of support, we cannot but allow that the School at Battersea Rise has some slight advantages—many will regard them as being imaginary, rather than having any tangible value—over its sister Institutions at Wood Green and Croydon. It has been longer in existence, and what, is still more to the point, its inmates belong

to the fair sex, and most brethren are ready and willing to cry out "way for the ladies." These are points, however, to which we need not make more than a passing allusion. If its existence had endured for only thirty-four years, instead of ninety-four, the magnificent work it is doing would secure for it not only our respect, but our active sympathy and support likewise. An Institution which has a permanent income of greatly less than £2,000 per annum, and yet is bold enough to undertake the maintenance and education of 235 girls, stands out before the world as one that righteously demands the substantial aid of the body to which it owes its existence, and which, as regards the female children of its poorer and deceased brethren, it so substantially benefits. We are not of those who think the policy of extending the operations of this School, which has been pursued of late, is altogether a judicious policy. We would rather see it well furnished with means of its own, and would rather strengthen the investments than add to the number of the pupils. But once a policy has been accepted, we as loyally uphold it as if we had been its originators. Hence, as there are now 235 scholars at Battersea Rise—all of them nice, and we hope and believe good, "girls dressed in blue"—it is clearly the duty of the brethren to maintain the School at that strength, and supply out of their private means what, over and above the permanent income, is necessary towards such maintenance. As a correspondent of ours lately remarked, there has lately been an abnormal expenditure of something like £20,000 on the purchase and erection of new buildings, and it is not so very long since the School numbered only 150 pupils instead of 235. All this, however, is now matter of history, and what we have to do at the present time is to point out that the School, enlarged as it has been to its present dimensions, needs enlarged support in order that it may be maintained at its now normal state of efficiency. One sufficient reason why the appeal of the Duke of Connaught on Wednesday must, and we believe will, be responded to with exemplary liberality.

Then, having our School and its youthful inmates, we must not lose sight of the good that is being done. If we take six years as representing the average length of time which each girl remains an inmate of the Institution, it follows that some forty girls are annually sent forth into the world to fight the battle of life. Thanks to the excellence of the training, both moral and educational which they have received, they enter on their several careers with everything in their favour. When they are grown a few years older, and are likely to enter into the married state, they are exactly the kind of women that will make comfortable homes for their husbands. The training they undergo includes the useful as well as the ornamental, and as was recently noted by a chairman at one of its Festivals, the cleverest cook in the School was a practised and highly intelligent musician. To know that its money is being so advantageously expended is another sufficient reason for a still more liberal contribution than in past years at the Festival of next Wednesday week, while a third will be found in the fact that the majority of those pupils who submit themselves for examination at the Oxford and Cambridge Middle Class Examinations do so with credit to

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

themselves and the Institution of which they were scholars. Those, however, who wish to learn more about these matters will do well to attend at the School itself the Monday preceding the Festival, when Lord Leigh will distribute the prizes, and there will be the usual music and singing and recitations. They will then and there have the opportunity of judging for themselves of the value of the Institution as an educational establishment. In conclusion, we hope, in the interests of the School, and as a recognition of the Duke of Connaught's kindness in presiding, that Bro. Hedges will have the satisfaction of announcing a total of subscriptions in excess of what, since his appointment to the Secretaryship, it has been his agreeable privilege to announce.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE QUEEN'S CHILDREN.

AS our readers feel so loyal an interest in all that relates to the Royal Family, they will, doubtless, not take it amiss if we lay before them the following brief particulars of the marriages of the Queen's children up to Thursday last. They need hardly be told that by Her Majesty's marriage, on the 10th February 1840, with His late Royal Highness Albert Prince of Saxe Coburg Gotha and Prince Consort of Great Britain and Ireland, whose lamented death occurred on the 14th December 1861, there was born issue four sons and five daughters. Of these, the eldest, Victoria Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland and Imperial Crown Princess of Germany, born 24th November 1840, was the only one that was married during her father's lifetime. This happy event took place 25th January 1858, when Her Royal Highness had not long completed her seventeenth year. Her husband was at the time Prince Frederick William of Prussia, and through his father, now Emperor of Germany, heir to the Crown of Prussia. Eight children, of whom one has since died, were the result of this marriage, and a few years since the eldest daughter, who was born in the year 1860, was married, and has issue one child. The next of the Queen's children to be married was the late Princess Alice, born 25th April 1843, who was married to the then Prince Louis, now Grand Duke of Hesse Darmstadt, on the 1st July 1862, and had issue seven children, two of whom have since died, while Her Royal Highness herself succumbed to an attack of diphtheria, caught from one of her children, on the 14th December 1878, the anniversary of the death of that father whom she had so devotedly tended during his last illness. On the 10th March 1863, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, born 9th November 1841, and who had consequently come of age a few months before, was married to Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra of Denmark, by whom he has had issue two sons and five daughters, one other son having died the day following his birth.

On 5th July 1866, H.R.H. Princess Helena, born 25th May 1846, was married to Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, there being issue of the marriage five children. On 21st March 1871, H.R.H. Princess Louise, b. 18th March 1848, was married to the Marquis of Lorne, heir to the Dukedom of Argyll. The next to enter into the married state was H.R.H. Prince Alfred Duke of Edinburgh, the bride of his choice being Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna, only daughter of the late Alexander II. Czar of all the Russias. A son and three daughters are the issue of this marriage. On 13th March 1879 H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.S. Warden, and godson of our illustrious Brother the "Great" Duke of Wellington married H.R.H. the Princess Louise, third daughter of H.R.H. Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, and has issue one daughter. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, by his marriage with the Princess Helen of Waldeck-Pyrmont, becomes brother-in-law of the Queen of the Netherlands, and had her uncle-in-law, the late Prince Frederick of the Netherlands been spared till now, would have thus become connected with His late Royal Highness, who was chosen Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that country in 1816, and remained such till his death last year, or for the unusually long period of sixty-five years.

The only unmarried child of the Queen is Her Majesty's youngest daughter H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice, born 14th April 1857.

It will be seen from the foregoing sketch, that the Queen

has had nine children, of whom eight are still living, some thirty grandchildren, four of whom have either died in infancy or early childhood, and one great grandchild. We hope it may be many years ere anything happens to disturb the happiness of the Royal Family.

FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

WE learn from the pages of last month's number of the *Canadian Craftsman* that the Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held on the 8th February last, under the presidency of Brother John H. Bell, M.W.G.M., who was loyally supported by his Grand Officers and the representatives of subordinate Lodges. In due course Bro. Bell delivered the customary address, in which he detailed the principal events of the year, and drew attention to anything of an unusual character which had occurred. Most of what he said possessed only a local interest, but it is noteworthy that, in the course of his remarks, he mentioned, that the United Grand Lodge of England had agreed to recognise and exchange representatives with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. He further said that, in July of last year, having issued a warrant for the establishment at Gibraltar of a Lodge to be entitled "Al Mogral al Aksa," he had received, shortly afterwards, intelligence which showed that the Grand Lodge of Scotland considered this an encroachment on its rights, and was prepared to refuse recognition to the Lodge; while about the same date a letter reached him from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary England, in which that brother pointed out the objections there were to such an invasion of the rights of Grand Lodge England, and that orders had been given to the Lodges of the English Craft not to recognise the intruder. Under these circumstances, and not wishing to involve Manitoba in a controversy with the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, which had joint jurisdiction over Gibraltar, he had given instructions that the Lodge should not be constituted or the officers installed, and in his opinion it would be better to recall the warrant, and require the return of all papers, books, &c., "unless the Lodge were prepared to remove at once, and open in Morocco, as was originally intended." Subsequently the report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Master's address was received, and his conduct "approved on the premises." The Financial Statement was satisfactory, there being in the hands of Grand Treasurer a balance in favour of Grand Lodge of 600 dollars. The report of the statistics of membership show a remarkable degree of progress during the past year, there being nineteen Lodges, with a total membership of 664, as against sixteen Lodges and 488 brethren the year previous. The following are the Grand Officers for the present year, namely:—

Bro. J. H. Bell	-	-	-	-	Grand Master
W. G. Scott	-	-	-	-	Deputy Grand Master
A. Pearson	-	-	-	-	Grand Senior Warden
C. F. Forrest	-	-	-	-	Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Canon O'Meara	-	-	-	-	Grand Chaplain
J. J. Johnson	-	-	-	-	Grand Treasurer
D. G. Dick	-	-	-	-	Grand Registrar
H. D. Le Chappellain	-	-	-	-	Grand Secretary
John McKechnie	-	-	-	-	Grand Senior Deacon
Alex. McGowan	-	-	-	-	Grand Junior Deacon
A. M. Sutherland	-	-	-	-	Grand D. of C.
John McBeath	-	-	-	-	Grand Sword Bearer
S. C. Vick	-	-	-	-	Grand Organist
G. E. Fulthorpe	-	-	-	-	Grand Pursuivant
Angus Fraser	-	-	-	-	Grand Steward
Rev. — Wellwood	-	-	-	-	" "
W. R. Black	-	-	-	-	" "
J. O. Le Chappellain	-	-	-	-	" "
Alfred McKeand	-	-	-	-	" "
James A. Carley	-	-	-	-	" "
W. W. Ptolemy	-	-	-	-	" "
Alex. Nichol	-	-	-	-	" "
T. H. Carman	-	-	-	-	" "

From the same journal we have obtained the following particulars of the dedication of a magnificent Masonic Temple at London (Ontario) by the Grand Master of Canada and his Grand Officers. The Craft to the number of 1500 having assembled at the drill-shed, marched in procession through the streets to the Temple, there in the library-room Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the following being the Grand Officers present, namely—Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Moffatt G.M., William Milliner as D.G.M., DeWitt Martyn D.D.G.M., Robert Mackay

P.D.D.G.M., W. D. McGloghlin P.D.D.G.M., W. Hayden G.S.W., T. H. Tracy as G.J.W., Evans Davis G. Chaplain, E. Mitchell Grand Treasurer, E. H. Long G. Registrar, J. J. Mason Grand Secretary, R. B. Hungerford as Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. Radcliffe G.S.D., J. Ross Robertson G.J.D., Thomas Brock, H. Dresny, H. C. Owen, James Priddis, W. K. Atkinson, John O'Donohue, and A. B. Munson Grand Stewards, F. J. Hood Grand Tyler. Grand Lodge then adjourned to the blue-room, where the impressive ceremony of dedication was carried out, after which Grand Master Moffatt delivered a very eloquent address, in the course of which he expressed a hope that greater zeal and energy would be shown generally by the brethren throughout his jurisdiction, and illustrated remarks as to the necessity there was for this additional zeal and energy by pointing out that though there were some 1800 brethren added to the roll last year, the number of resignations, deaths, suspensions for non-payment of dues had been so great that the net addition to their ranks was only 183. The Grand Chaplain having also addressed the meeting, the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of their chief.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

WHAT may justly be described as the anniversary communication of United Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. In the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. the Grand Master and the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the throne was occupied by the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey fulfilling the duties of Deputy Grand Master and Lord Suffield Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, those of Past Grand Master. The Grand Warden's chairs were occupied by Lord Balfour of Burleigh Past G.S. Warden and Sir F. Wyatt Truscott Past G. Warden respectively. Among those present were the Marquis of Londonderry, Q.P., Provincial Grand Master Durham, Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., Prov. G.M. Essex, Sir G. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P. Pro. Grand Master Worcestershire, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall G. Chaplain, Rev. Arthur Percy-Cust G. Chaplain, Col. J. Creaton G. Treasurer, Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, Sir J. B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Gen. H. Clerke G.S.D., Sir James Ramsden G.S.D., John Sampson Pierce G.J.D., H. C. Levander G.J.D., Capt. A. B. Cook Assist. G.D. of C., George Lambert Grand Sword Bearer, C. J. Jekyll Grand Org., H. C. Buss Asst. Grand Sec., W. R. Wood Asst. G.P., H. Sadler Grand Tyler, Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., P.P.G.M. W. Division of South Wales, Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. Gricqualand, J. Bevan D.G.M. Westland, Lieut.-Col. W. Ramsay P.D.G.M. Punjab, E.L., Rev. J. E. Cox P.G.C. P.G.C., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Captain N. G. Phillips, Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville-Burney P.G.D., Robert Grey P.G.D., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Brackstone Baker P.G.D., Peter de Lande Long P.G.D., J. H. Scott P.G.D., T. Fenn P.G.D., John A. Rucker P.G.D., J. Glaisher P.G.D., Jabez Hogg P.G.D., James Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C., Magnus Ohren P.A.G.D.C., Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B., C. E. Willing P.G.O., and W. Kube P.G.O.

In due course His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was declared to have been installed as Grand Master, and was duly saluted as such. The following were then appointed as Grand Officers for the year, effect being given, as will be seen, for the first time, to the recent arrangement by which a Grand Assistant Director of the Ceremonies and two Grand Standard Bearers are appointed.

Earl of Carnarvon	...	...	Pro Grand Master
Earl of Lathom	...	...	Deputy Grand Master
Lord Carrington	...	...	Senior Grand Warden
J. Whittaker Ellis, Lord Mayor	...	...	Junior Grand Warden
Rev. T. Robinson	...	...	Grand Chaplains
Rev. T. Cochrane	...	...
Colonel J. Creaton	...	...	Grand Treasurer
McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.	...	...	Grand Registrar
Colonel S. H. Clerke	...	...	Grand Secretary
E. E. Wendt	...	...	Sec. German Correspondence
Major J. Penrice	...	...	Senior Grand Deacons
W. G. Harrison, Q.C.	...	...
R. C. Else	...	...	Junior Grand Deacons
Captain C. B. Royds	...	...
H. Jones	...	...	G. Superintendent of Works
Sir A. W. Woods (Garter)	...	...
D. Smith	...	...	Grand Director of Ceremonies
R. T. Pigott	...	...	Deputy Grand Dir. of Cer.
J. Messent	...	...	Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
H. S. Alpess	...	...	Grand Sword Bearer
W. Masfield	...	...	Grand Standard Bearers
W. Cousins	...	...
H. S. Buss	...	...	Grand Organist
W. R. Wood	...	...	Assistant Grand Secretary
L. F. Littell	...	...	Grand Pursuivant
H. Sadler	...	...	Assistant do
	...	...	Grand Tyler

The following have been announced as the Grand Stewards of the new year—namely, Bros. George Martin 1, C. R. Rivington 2, Rev. J. W. Weldon, M.D., 4, John Rowley Jones 5, Captain Frederick Ormsby 6, Walter A. Grogono 8, George H. Hopkinson 14, Joseph W. Abbott 21, H. Venn 23, E. Beaumont 26, H. W. Hunt 29, E. J.

Humphrey 46, J. S. Burroughes 58, Daniel Nicols 60, Isaac C. Strong 91, Edward H. Wolton 99, William H. Stanger 197, and Alfred Cooper 259. Lord Lathom announced that Her Majesty had consented to receive a deputation of the brethren with the congratulatory address on her happy escape from assassination at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, the 10th May, and that the deputation would be composed of the following brethren:—The Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Duke of Connaught P.G.S.W., Prince Leopold Duke of Albany P.G.J.W., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., the Earl of March, M.P., P.G.S.W., the Lord Mayor G.S.W., Sir L. W. Cave, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Sir John Monckton, Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G.St., Colonel Creaton G.I., the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.G.C., and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the usual banquet followed, the chair being occupied by the Earl of Lathom, than whom a more genial president on such an occasion need not be desired. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and subsequently a concert was held in the Temple, at which the following artists assisted:—Miss Fenna, Miss Orridge, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Bro. Baxter, Bro. G. T. Carter, Mr. Coates, Bro. Winn, and Bro. Kube P.G.O. The accompanists were Bros. Meyer Lutz and C. S. Jekyll P.G.O. The performance was under the direction of Bro. C. S. Jekyll P.G.O.

On Thursday, 27th inst., the General Committee of the Girls' School met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there was a full attendance, Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. The minutes of last General Committee were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the Audit and other Committees were read for information. After the formal vote authorising the Chairman to sign cheques for various accounts, amounting to £1,601, the sum of £1,000 was, upon motion, duly passed, ordered to be invested, and added to the Sustentation Fund which, with that addition, now exceeds £5,000. Three petitions were approved and ordered to be placed on the list. The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Bro. Molesworth, who had proposed the admission of Ada Wright by purchase, inquiring whether this could be done now, on account of the recent admission of the candidate's sister into the School. Some discussion took place upon this, from which it appeared to be the general opinion that the candidate was not now eligible in consequence of Law 56, which provides that there shall not be two children of the same parents in the School at the same time. Some few brethren, however, considered that in cases of purchase no petition was necessary, and ultimately the question was, upon motion, deferred consideration for a month. On the motion of Bro. Nunn, seconded by Bro. Richardson, the salaries of Miss Davis and three assistant teachers were increased. This increase, however, only amounted in the whole to £50. The Audit Committee, as at present constituted, was proposed for re-election, and declared duly elected. The House Committee was also proposed for re-election in the same manner, but the names of Bros. R. Grey, J. H. Matthews and Eugene Montenuis were also proposed, and consequently an election will be necessary.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Eighty-fourth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 3rd May.

It is a pleasure, as well as our duty, to offer our hearty congratulations to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.J.W. of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, on his marriage with the Princess Helen of Waldeck-Pyrmont. His Royal Highness has, on all occasions, exhibited a deep interest in the great social questions of the day, and we trust the newly-wedded couple may have before them a long and prosperous career.

Bro. W. Wrench Towse has accepted the position of Hon. Secretary of the Clacton-on-Sea branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. It will be remembered that the Albert Edward was one of the boats presented by the Freemasons to the Institution on the safe return of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master from India. She has been the means of saving over sixty lives in little over four years. Contributions for the local fund for current expence will be received with thanks by the Hon. Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Moulsoe Rectory, Newport Pagnell.
22nd April 1882.

SIR,—The Masonic Charity Organizations are doing very valuable work in advancing the interests of many candidates who would otherwise be friendless, but I fear that there are some deserving Masons who will be somewhat prejudiced by their action—I mean our Colonial brethren. With no English Province to support them, there is the danger that their claims will be overlooked.

I can at the present minute vouch for the urgency of one such case, that of Brother Thomas Sewell, a candidate for the May Election. He is blind, and very poor. I shall be extremely grateful if any brethren will send their votes for him to,

Yours very fraternally,

J. STURDOLME BROWNRIGG P.G.C.

DISTRIBUTION OF HONOURS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In August 1879 you were kind enough to insert a letter of mine in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, speaking of the unfair manner in which Provincial Grand Lodge honours were distributed, and also the necessity of large Provinces being divided. I am sorry to say in the Province of West Yorkshire the appointment of Officers is very unsatisfactory, and it is most difficult to obtain recognition for past services. As I said in my previous letter, the long purse buys the position, irrespective of merit or ability. I again claim recognition for the hard working, energetic, and ever willing Past Masters, of whom I am glad to say West Yorkshire possesses many, but who unfortunately are every year passed over without the slightest acknowledgment of the good work they have done for the diffusion of Masonic knowledge. At our last annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, presided over by Brother Lieutenant Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., held on 12th April, at Huddersfield, the position of Provincial Grand Junior Warden was conferred on a gentleman of good social position, and who is esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, but, as we are told that merit and ability are the principles on which honours are gained, I should like to know how to reconcile this, which to me is a paradox. I remember well the initiation of the present Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and also the offices he had held, which were Inner Guard, Junior Warden and Worshipful Master, and he is now Immediate Past Master, you will therefore perceive he is not yet five years a Mason, whilst we have in our town brethren who are far into the teens of years as Past Masters, and between twenty and thirty years subscribing members of their respective Lodges. Who can have done the most for Masonry? The present Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies I also remember occupying the chair of King Solomon; he is a very worthy man, and has, by gaining Provincial favour, found "LIFE TO BE WORTH LIVING," still my argument holds good that many older and more experienced Past Masters could be found to receive the long expected recognition of hard work and long services. Last year the Provincial Grand Chaplain was a gentleman who only held the rank of Senior Warden in his mother Lodge, of which he is still comparatively a very young member. I also remember the Provincial Grand Junior Warden being promoted at the following annual meeting to Provincial Grand Senior Warden. I only speak of cases well known to myself, perhaps there are others which will not be pleasant to reflect upon. Of course the difficulty in a large Province to make a satisfactory selection is great, but when there are eight hundred and sixty-five Past Masters to select from, I do not consider it equity to give preference to those who are so young in Masonry. It was well known in Huddersfield there was a surprise for us, and the secret was well kept; it has come with a vengeance, but unfortunately without satisfaction. I suppose those brethren who are eligible will also be appointed to similar offices in the Royal Arch. Why not confer Provincial Royal Arch honours on those who have not had Provincial honours in the Craft? then our Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master would not have to complain so much of being unable to confer Provincial appointments on so few. Do not let one gentleman enjoy both Craft and Royal Arch appointments at the same time, and let it be understood that the coveted positions can only be held in one degree, and he who has gained a Provincial appointment in the Craft must not expect one in the Arch. I am trespassing too much on your space, or would say a few words on the desirability of our large Province (which consists of sixty-five Lodges, and three thousand one hundred and fifty-nine subscribing members) being divided; perhaps at some future time I may ask the insertion of a letter on this subject in your valuable paper.

I will still subscribe myself,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JUNIOR P.M.

22nd April 1882.

A VAGRANT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Almoners and others should keep a sharp look out for one James Baird, tall in stature, dark, and very shabbily dressed; has no certificate, says he was initiated in the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102, Glasgow; lately a member of the Dalhousie, No. 860, London; the answer from the latter respecting him is, "Know no thing of such an individual."

He is making his way from here (Havant), via Southampton, into S.W. Provinces, he was this way in June 1877, and is probably a professional vagrant, and should be given in charge of the police.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY 804.

Obituary.

BRO. J. P. SAREL.

ONE of the most respected tradesmen of Chelmsford died on Monday morning, 17th April—namely, Brother J. P. Sarel, proprietor of the George Hotel. For some time Bro. Sarel had been confined to his bed, and the complication of diseases from which he was suffering caused his medical attendant, Mr. E. H. Carter, to regard his case as a hopeless one. During his illness he was a great sufferer, but he bore his affliction with considerable fortitude. He had conducted the George Hotel for many years, and was an exemplary landlord, being generally regarded in Chelmsford as a model of what a tradesman of his class should be. Bro. Sarel, who was an excellent accountant, held for some years several offices in Chelmsford, in which he rendered very useful service. He was a prominent Freemason, and took an active interest in the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, of which he was a P.M.; and also in the Essex Chapter, No. 276, of which he was P.Z. The Chapter meets at the George Hotel. Bro. Sarel, who was in his 70th year, leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters. The funeral took place on the 19th inst. amidst every demonstration of respect and esteem. The cortege was headed by a number of the tradesmen and other inhabitants of the town, then came a body of Freemasons, succeeded by a hearse conveying the corpse. The following brethren attended the funeral:—Dr. Nicholls, Andrew Durrant, C. Williams, J. Tomlinson, T. F. Woodard, A. G. Maskell, J. P. Lewin, W. S. Butler, A. C. Durrant, A. Mead, G. W. Pascall, F. Smee, A. F. Ginn, W. Wood, J. W. Hair, J. Lucking, W. J. Kent, W. R. Fuller, and J. H. Peacock, and at the close of the service dropped the usual emblems into the grave.

BRO. JAMES DANN, P.M. ROYAL JUBILEE, No. 72.

ANOTHER worthy member of our Craft has been called from this sub-lunary abode, and a break has been left in the Masonic chain by which we are united, by the death of Bro. James Dann P.M. of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, Secretary of the Skolmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, from the time of its consecration, and Preceptor of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558. Our Brother departed this life in St. Thomas's Hospital on Monday, 17th inst., of which institution he had been an inmate for several weeks, suffering under a frightful disease, and the day appointed for the amputation of one of his limbs was destined to be the day of his death; but, so far fortunately, without undergoing the suffering of that dreadful operation. Our Bro. Dann entered the police force on the 24th July 1848, and from the intelligence he displayed in the discharge of his duties on the 28th January 1859, he was promoted to the rank of inspector, and was from time to time engaged in some very important inquiries. In 1871 he was still further advanced to the position of Chief Inspector of the P division, under Mr. Superintendent Gernon, now Superintendent of the A division, who always entertained a high opinion of his promptitude and the faithful discharge of his duties. With long services and a high character, in 1873, with a liberal pension, he retired from the service. Our Bro. Dann was initiated in the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, in 1867, and in 1872 was raised to the dignity of W.M., and almost up to the time of his death was one of the most punctual of its members. On Monday, the 24th, his remains were consigned to their final resting place at Forest Hill, and the following brethren attended the funeral, viz.:—Bros. M. Larham P.M. 1216 and P.Z. 720, E. Dodson P.M. and P.Z. 72, Cass P.M. 1658, Earney P.M. 1658, Boyton P.M. 1558, Thorpe I.P.M. 1658, Power W.M. 1558, T. Thurston W.M. 72, J. N. Bate S.W. 72, F. Walker J.W. 72, Whiffin 72, Read 72, Salter S.D. 72, Boyes J.W. 1658, Rumsford 72, Corpe P.M. 1839, Walden 1658, J. D. Smith S.D. 1658, Taylor S.W. 1558, Stokes I.G. 1658, Hill 1658 Sec. *pro tem.*, W. S. Harvey 1658, W. Benjamin 1658, V. B. Hart 1658, and A. Stone 1658. For many years Bro. Dann attended Lodges of Instruction, and was a highly esteemed member of the Craft. His death has caused a void which will not readily be filled up.

The highly interesting Lecture Explanatory of the Ritual of the First Degree in Freemasonry, and which has given so much satisfaction to those brethren who have had opportunity for hearing it, is to be delivered, by Bro. James Stevens, in the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, on Tuesday evening, the 9th May; and in the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, at the Canonbury Tavern, N., on Monday evening, the 22nd May.

The installation meeting of the Old Kings Arms Lodge, No. 28, took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 24th instant, when Brother Latreille P.M. was duly installed into the Chair.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

Fireside Readings for Happy Homes. Written and Selected by H. L. Hastings, Editor of "The Christian," and "The Little Christian" (American). London: S. Bagster and Sons, 15 Paternoster-row. Boston, U.S.A.: H. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill. 1882.

WE have great pleasure in bearing our testimony to the excellence of the matter contained in these pages. There is much in it, of course, which will not find favour in the eyes of all our readers, as may readily be imagined from the above description. But there is vastly more which will prove most attractive reading; and, indeed, it contains nothing which may not with advantage be read by people of all creeds. The "Readings" have this especial advantage, that they are short and to the point, being as concisely as they are ably written. We commend the work to those of our friends who accept the doctrines of Christianity, while, with the view of confirming our statement, already made, that it may be read with profit by men of all faiths, we give the following extract from a paper headed "That Voice." It is told by a Miss Dix, "well known for her philanthropic journeyings and visitations among the prisoners and the distressed," and reads thus:—

"I had hired a carriage and driver to convey me some distance through an uninhabited portion of the country. In starting, I discovered the driver, a young lad, had a pair of pistols with him. Inquiring what he was doing with arms, he said he carried them to protect us, as he had heard that robberies had been committed on our road. I said to him, 'give me the pistols—I will take care of them.' He did so reluctantly.

"In pursuing our journey through a dismal-looking forest, a man rushed into the road, caught the horse by the bridle, and demanded my purse. I said to him with as much self-possession as I could command, 'Are you not ashamed to rob a woman? I have but little money, and that I want to defray my expenses in visiting prisons and poor-houses, and occasionally in giving to objects of charity. If you have been unfortunate, are in distress, and in want of money, I will give you some.' While thus speaking to him, I discovered his countenance changing! and he became deathly pale, 'My God!' he exclaimed, 'that voice!' and immediately told me he had been in the Philadelphia Penitentiary, and had heard me lecturing some of the prisoners in adjoining cells, and that he now recognised my voice. He then desired me to pass on, and expressed deep sorrow at the outrage he had committed. But I drew out my purse, and said to him, 'I will give you something to support you until you can get into honest employment.' He declined at first taking anything, until I insisted on his doing so, for fear he might be tempted to rob some one else, before he could get into honest employment."

The Book of Revelation. Translated from the Ancient Greek Text. By S. P. Tregelles, LL.D. Third Edition. London: Samuel Bagster and Sons, 15 Paternoster-row; Warehouse for Bibles, New Testaments, Prayer Books, Lexicons, Grammars, Concordances, and Psalters, in Ancient and Modern Languages. 1881.

As we have remarked in the case of "Fireside Readings for Happy Homes," this is a publication which will not find favour with the whole of our readers. Yet we do not feel precluded on that ground from paying a just tribute of praise to the translator, whose work appears to be well done, and in a scholarly fashion. The fact of its having reached a third edition is of itself sufficient testimony in favour of its merits, and if we add that the book is admirably printed and neatly bound, we think we have said all it is in our power to say.

Consumption of the Lungs and its Successful Treatment. Chronic Brouchitis, Asthma, &c. By George Thomas Congreve, Coombe Lodge, Peckham. London: Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster-row.

In bygone days, before the march of scientific enquiry had proceeded with such giant strides as we find it in our own times, the condition of the sick and afflicted was a hapless one indeed. The pallid cheek with its pink flush, the alternate lassitude and cheerfulness, the hopes, to be revived one day, only to be chilled to-morrow, told of the insidious worm which was gnawing at life's vitality, giving rise to false hopes, only to be superseded by gloom, and helplessness and despair. The blighted one must bid farewell to aspirations which were once the most cherished of life; the blue skies, the light of heaven, the breathing landscape with its trees and flowers and fields, the countenances of friends near and dear, the poetic beauties of nature and art, and all that combined to make the vista of life beauteous and full of glowing tints. But once the canker worm of consumption takes possession of the fragile frame, farewell to life, and hope and happiness. The impulses which stirred the ambition and the talent of men, the trustfulness and the love of maidenhood, are palled by the instinctive fear of impending danger; the mother watches the development of those germs of growing disease which undermine the constitution, and give to apparently healthy frames the sentence of death. But with the progress of scientific research, and the application of it to the various ills to which human flesh is heir, how vast a change has been wrought. The author of the little work before us is one of those who by a long course of professional study, has sought a palliation for the most priceless gifts of health that might have been forfeited or impaired. Scorning the artifices of those who puff their nostrums as a universal cure for all diseases, Mr. Congreve gives us the results of plain and honest study, with the most feasible means of remedy, based upon scientific investiga-

tion and experience in the treatment of this special ailment. In his little book, which has run through we hardly know how many editions, he has added from time to time the results of his hard and unwearying studies, and all the stories told by grateful patients are authenticated by the real names of those who have received benefits at his hands. There are hundreds who have grasped his hand as a benefactor and a friend in times of real despondency, and there are thousands more who will hail his plain and genuine counsel as set forth in this little volume. Heaven only knows how vast is the audience of poor afflicted beings to whom the restoration of vital energies would be the renewal of hope, if not the raising of life, and to those we heartily commend a thoughtful perusal of the simple little work the author has laid so long before the reading public. Mr. Congreve does not wish us to accept his mode of treatment, as some would do, as a panacea for all the ills of life. He has devoted a life-long study to the one subject of which he treats, and to our mind he has mastered it as much as human skill can do. The best proof after all is in results, and we have on record such names of ministers, and friends of humanity whom we all know, as would not attest to the efficacy of any method unless they had some excellent ground on which to base their testimony. We suppose there are no persons in society who are so intimately associated with the frailties of life, so near the sick couch, as ministers of religion; and these are found to bear out in the most frank and expressive terms their approval of Mr. Congreve's mode of treatment in this fatal complaint. We are not among those who would help to foist upon an unsuspecting public the recommendation of any untried theory in medicine or science; but we are assured, by the independent testimony of many witnesses, of the many cases in which Mr. Congreve's success has been achieved, to the grateful acknowledgment of hundreds of patients, who, having almost given up hope, have been restored to comparative, if not perfect, health. It would be superfluous to say more to commend a book of such general interest to the reading public, nor shall we do justice to the author to give more in outline of the tendency of his treatise than is already shadowed forth in this necessarily brief sketch of a work which should be in everybody's hands.

Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.J.W. England, who was married in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Thursday, is, as our readers are aware, a most distinguished and very active member of our Fraternity. He is a Past Master of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, having filled the office of W.M. in 1876, and Master of Antiquity, No. 2. He was installed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire in 1876, and received his patent of Prov. Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire last year, though he has not as yet been formally installed in office. Early this year, in the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383, he was installed M.E.Z. of the Apollo University Chapter. He is also a Past Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge, an honorary member 33° of the Supreme Council A. and A. Scottish Rite, and Constable of the Grand Priory of the Temple of England and Wales. In fine, His Royal Highness bids fair to emulate the Masonic virtues of his late illustrious Grand uncle the Duke of Sussex M.W.G.M. 1813-1843.

ALLIED DEGREES.

Ebor Council (T. I.)—A meeting of this Council was held at York, on Thursday, 20th inst., when a Lodge of St. Lawrence was opened by Bro. C. G. Padel W.M., the following members being also present:—Bros. M. Millington S.W., G. Simpson P.M. as J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Treasurer and Secretary, T. Humphries S.D., E. J. de Salis J.D., W. B. Dyson as I.G., J. W. Woodall, and P. Pearson Tyler. The accounts were audited and showed a balance in hand of over £2. A Council of Knights of Constantinople, a Chapter of Grand High Priests, and a Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon were then successively opened by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and Bros. C. G. Padel, J. W. Woodall and T. Humphries were successively introduced into these degrees, Bro. E. J. de Salis acting as conductor. After the close of the Council, the members met at an excellent supper, under the presidency of Bro. Padel, and a social evening was pleasantly spent.

A Grand Masonic Ball will take place in the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, 61, Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, 1st May 1882, when the Sir Knights of the Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6 (Ancient and Primitive) will entertain their friends. An influential Committee has been appointed, of which Brother J. H. Southwood 33° P.M. and P.Z. 1260, Grand Treasurer General, is the Chairman, and Brother H. Meyer the Hon. Treasurer. Further particulars can be had of Brother James Hill Hon. Secretary, 91 Clarence-road, Clapton, E.

The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed in the Upton Lodge of Instruction, at the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, Shoreditch, E., by W. Bro. James Terry P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, P. Prov. Grand J.W. Herts, Prov. Grand S.W. Norths and Hunts, on Thursday, the 11th May next. The attendance of brethren is most respectfully solicited. The proceedings will be commenced at seven o'clock precisely.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE periodical gatherings of the Freemasons of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, in Provincial meeting assembled, are, under ordinary circumstances, looked forward to and appreciated by the brethren as amongst the most enjoyable reunions of the Order. The anticipated pleasure of the Festival on the 21st inst. was, however, greatly enhanced by the fact that, in addition to the transaction of the usual business, a testimonial was to be presented at the meeting to Bro. W. B. Gibson P.M. 119, Whitehaven, P.P.G.S.W. P.P. Grand Secretary. Bro. Gibson was elected P.G.S. in the year 1873, on the retirement of Bro. Busher, of Kendal; and from that time until the Provincial Meeting held at Workington on 10th October 1881 (a period of eight years), at which Bro. Gibson tendered his resignation, he discharged the onerous duties of his office with the zeal and ability which all who had had an opportunity of estimating at their true value his previous services to the Craft felt would be certain to characterise his official labours. Having assigned as his reason for resigning office the pressing emergencies of his public and private avocations, the brethren were reluctantly compelled to accept Bro. Gibson's resignation; and very shortly afterwards a movement, originated, we believe, on the suggestion of Bro. G. W. Kenworthy—an equally champion local veteran in Freemasonry, by-the-bye, with Bro. Gibson himself—was set on foot with the view of presenting to the latter gentleman some substantial testimonial in recognition of the eminent services which he had rendered to the Craft in general and to the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland in particular. With a Committee composed of most of the influential members of the Lodges in the Province, including as President and Vice-President, respectively, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P. P.G.M. and J. L. Burns-Lindow, Esq. D.P.G.M., the labours of the promoters of the testimonial were speedily crowned with success; indeed, almost from the first, such was the popularity of the subject of the intended testimonial, success was foregone conclusion, by no means the least gratifying fact in connection with the testimonial being the voluntary nature of the contributions thereto. The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver salver, supplied by Bro. Spittall, Whitehaven, bearing the following inscription:—

“Presented to W. B. Gibson P.P.G.S.W. on his retirement from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary of Cumberland and Westmoreland, in recognition of his valuable services, 1882.”

likewise a beautifully executed portrait of Bro. Gibson, photographed and painted in oil by Messrs. John Reay and Son, of Whitehaven, Cleator Moor, and St. Bees, and a purse containing fifty guineas. To Bro. Milligan P.M. 119, who acted as honorary Secretary and Treasurer, the brethren throughout the Province, and particularly the subscribers to the testimonial, owe a debt of gratitude for the trouble incurred by him in taking charge of the “Gibson Testimonial Fund,” and generally for the laudable exertions made by him which so unequivocally resulted in the success of the undertaking.

The brethren assembled at half-past two o'clock in the County Hotel, under the banner of Union Lodge No. 310, Carlisle. In the unavoidable absence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Bective, Bro. J. L. Burns-Lindow, Esq., D.P.G.M. presided, and, assisted by the rest of the Provincial Officers, opened the Lodge in due form. The following brethren were also present:—Bro. George J. McKay, W. B. Gibson, G. W. Kenworthy, John Barr, Edward Atter, William Alsop, John Spittall, Thomas Atkinson, George Dalrymple, Charles J. Dalton, Joshua Tyson, John Milligan, William Hanson, William Cowan, W. Kirkbride, Joseph Pearson, W. Bell, J. Haswell, J. Nelson, W. Blaylock, Jesse Banning, John Harris, John Gate, T. Mandell, W. Court, J. C. Mason, Thomas Kirkbride, T. B. Thwaite, John Pearson, Thomas Richardson, George Sowerby, W. Cockett, William Carlyle, Morant Compton, Andrew Walton, W. Burnyeat, W. Railton, Geo. Murchie, George G. Hayward, J. W. Salisbury, J. Cook, W. Middleton, P. de E. Collin, John Nicholson, John Reay, Samuel Wright, R. L. Court, Henry Court, and John Murray. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Workington, on the 7th October last, having been read, on the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the same were confirmed. The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. J. McKay then received the dues from the respective Lodges of the Province, together with the fees of honour from Provincial Grand Officers. The next business on the agenda paper was “to recommend to the Provincial Grand Master the place of meeting for the celebration of the annual festival,” and on the motion of Brother Cook, Master of Bective Lodge, seconded by Brother Potter, it was arranged to hold the annual meeting at Carlisle, in accordance with the suggestion of Brother Mason at a former meeting. Brother W. B. Gibson, in moving the adoption of the Charity Committee's Report, said the Committee recommended a grant of £5 to the widow of the late Bro. Huggins, also £25 to the Benevolent Fund to meet future similar requirements, and fifty guineas, as a donation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in accordance with the motion previously given by Bro. McKay. On the motion of Bro. Gibson, a letter of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Joseph Iredale, who filled the post of Deputy Grand Master of Cumberland, under the late Sir James Graham, was ordered to be forwarded to the family of the deceased brother. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master said a part of the business on the programme was of a somewhat peculiar character, differing altogether from the ordinary business of the Lodge, inasmuch as it was mixed with feelings of pleasure and regret. The feelings of pleasure were those which he hoped prevailed in every breast, and that all present would be ready to acknowledge as heartily as possible the valuable services which had been rendered to the Craft by their worthy brother on his right (Bro. Gibson). For many years Bro. Gibson had laboured in the cause of Freemasonry—he

might say, night and day; he had always been in season, and, to use an Irish expression, he had very often been out of it—for one never could meet him but he was sure to “button-hole” one for that most odious of things, money out of pocket. But, joking apart, the services which Bro. Gibson had rendered to this Province could not be measured by any one, or told by words; and he (the speaker) felt sure that although they might offer Bro. Gibson this testimonial, and ask him to receive it as an expression of their appreciation of his services, they could not in any way measure the value of them. The Province had been appealed to to recognise in a fitting manner the good work which Bro. Gibson had done, and he was proud to say that that appeal had been heartily responded to, and in such a manner to show that it was not the amount of the subscriptions, but the exceeding hearty good feeling which had always been evinced in his (Bro. Gibson's) own case, generally upon all occasions in the every-day walks of life, and in Masonry in particular, that had evoked that response; and he felt certain that it would be a far greater pleasure to Bro. Gibson to know that he enjoyed the good feeling of the brethren throughout the Province than it would have been had things been otherwise, notwithstanding the intrinsic value of the testimonial which they were about to offer to him might have been of five times greater value than it was. After carefully considering the matter, the brethren had decided to offer Bro. Gibson this salver (presenting it) as a small token of their appreciation of his valuable services, as well as a pledge of the brethren's estimation of his fraternal worth; likewise his portrait, and a purse containing fifty guineas. He (the Deputy Provincial Grand Master) was sorry to announce that owing to some delay on the part of the firm in London to whom the portrait of Bro. Gibson—which, in addition to the above, formed a part of the testimonial—had been entrusted by Bro. Reay for the purpose of framing, had not arrived, but he (the Deputy Provincial Grand Master) happened to possess a photograph which he believed was quite as good as the portrait which unfortunately had not come to hand, if not as good as the original. (The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, amid the laughter of the brethren, and which was heartily shared in by Bro. Gibson, here disclosed a small toilet mirror, and holding it before Bro. Gibson, that worthy beheld in it his own happy face, all radiant with smiles, as it mostly is—a life-like likeness). The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then formally presented the several gifts to Bro. Gibson, observing as he did so, on behalf of the donors, that they were accompanied by all the feelings of goodwill which one man, or any body of men, could possibly entertain towards any individual, Masonically and otherwise. He also handed to Bro. Gibson a book containing a list of the subscribers. Bro. Gibson, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he could hardly find words to express the feelings by which he was animated, feelings of deep gratitude for the loving kindness evinced by the brethren of the Province in presenting him with such a valuable testimonial of their affection and regard for him, and their appreciation of the humble services which he had been able to render in the interests of Masonry in the Province. He could assure them that, in discharging the duties he had done for the past eight years, he had done so without the hope of favour or reward. He had done it in the interests of the Craft, and because he had felt a love for Masonry. Wherever he had been as Provincial Secretary, whatever Lodge he had visited, he had always been received with the greatest kindness by those whom it was his pleasure as well as his duty to meet in his official capacity. For nearly twenty-five years he had been associated with Masonry, and during the whole of that time he had appreciated the desire evinced by the brethren to promote good feeling and kindheartedness one towards another, very superior, he thought he might say, to what it was in the open world. He believed that Masons, as sons of light, evinced a greater amount of kindness towards each other than was common between man and man in the outer world. Some of the happiest moments of his life had been spent amongst Masons. To-day the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland had overwhelmed him with their kindness. The kindnesses he had received during the past twenty-five years had so accumulated that latterly they had literally showered upon him; and he felt himself altogether undeserving of so much kindness. It had pleased the brethren of the Province to present him with this handsome testimonial, and he could only say that he accepted it with heartfelt thankfulness, and as long as life remained, he should look upon that testimonial as conveying to his mind a feeling of affection and regard on the part of his brother Masons which time could never extinguish. He hoped to retain as long as he lived his association with Masonry, and to be instrumental to the end in spreading a knowledge of its beneficent principles; and that as Masons they might continue to meet and ever keep in view as one of the principal objects of their meeting the subduing of their passions, until they ultimately reached the Grand Lodge above. He hoped and trusted that the principles of Freemasonry would be so practised as to lead not only to their temporal benefit, but also to their eternal happiness. He concluded by again thanking the brethren for their kindness towards him. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master being obliged to leave, then vacated the chair, the seat being filled by Bro. Gibson, by whom the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently lunched together at the County Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Gibson. Besides the usual Loyal toasts, the health of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Bective, proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bro. the Rev. Joshua Tyson, with whom the toast was coupled, was cordially drank, as was also that of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Officers, proposed by Brother McKay, and responded to by Bro. John Barr, with whose name the toast was coupled. Bro. Gibson also proposed the health of Bro. Court W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 310, under whose banner the proceedings of the day had been held, and likewise the health of Bro. Cook W.M. of the Bective Lodge, both of whom responded. The arrangements throughout were most complete, and reflected great credit, not only upon Bro. George J. McKay P.G. Secretary, but likewise upon the Master and Officers of the Bective and Union Lodges, Carlisle, the

Provincial meeting being held, as stated above, under the banner of the latter Lodge.

Previous to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge a meeting of Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter was held, Comp. G. J. McKay acting as First Principal, Comp. W. B. Gibson as Second, and Comp. John Barr as Third. The new Officers were appointed as follow.—W. B. Gibson H. acting as First Principal, John Barr Second Principal, W. Nicholson Third Principal, Joseph Nicholson T., George J. McKay Scribe E., P. de E. Collin Scribe N., Joseph Whitely P.S., T. Atkinson 1st A.S., T. Mandle 2nd A.S., T. McMechan Registrar, G. Dalrymple Sword Bearer, James Cook Standard Bearer, A. Walker D.C., Jesse Banning Organist, F. R. Sowell, Wood, and Potter Stewards.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. A. Clarke W.M., T. Clark S.W., Jones J.W., Allen S.D., Christian J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bro. Cushing, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carr candidate. Bro. Christian gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Carr worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. A. Clark for his working the ceremony, and presiding over the Lodge for the first time. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, on 27th inst., being the last of the present season, it was moved by the W.M. Bro. Waugh, and seconded by Bro. J. E. Shand P.M., and unanimously resolved—"That this Lodge desires most respectfully to tender to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Past Grand Warden of England, and to her Serene Highness the Princess of Waldeck, their fraternal congratulations and hearty good wishes for their future health and happiness on their marriage this day." The resolution was at once telegraphed to Claremont.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER:—

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 29th instant, at 7 p.m. punctually. Bros. H. G. Gush W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., R. Percy I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. E. Wolf, W. Williams, G. Ferrar, F. Brasted, C. K. Killick, D. Moss, and J. A. Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. H. Hall, R. Percy, C. Weeden, C. Lorkin, and R. P. Forge. Third Lecture—Bros. A. W. Fenner, E. Dignam, and A. Trewinnard. Bros. A. W. Fenner Hon. Sec., R. Percy Preceptor.

Bro. J. A. Keable announces an Entertainment to be given at the Town Hall, Poplar, on Monday evening next, when he will be assisted by the following Artists:—Miss Berrie Stephens, R.A.M., Miss Jeanie Rosse, Mr. C. A. White, R.A.M., Mr. George Weige, and Mr. Lovett King (Buffo). Violin, Mr. A. Bryant; Flute, Mr. Frank Richardson; Accompanist, Mr. Lovett King.

SHEEP DOG TRIALS will take place, under the direction of the Collie Club, at Alexandra Park, on the 15th and 16th June next. One hundred Welsh Mountain Sheep will be specially selected for the trials, and valuable prizes will be offered for competition among Shepherds and Collie owners generally. Some of the best dogs from Wales are expected to compete.

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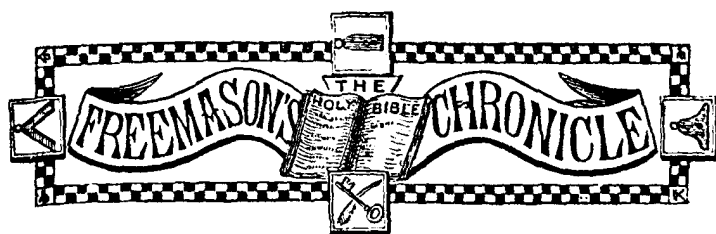
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WHO GAVE A CHARGE TO MASONS IN ENGLAND FIRST.

St Alban was the first that gave a Charge to Masons in England (wch was then called Brittain) for all this Season England stood Void as to any Charge of Masons. In St Albans days Enland or Brittain was in Subjection to the Roman Emperours and St Alban was a Worthy Kt, and thro' his good Councel Governr in the Realm and builded several Town walls and was Governr over the Work, he loved Masons and did cherish them much, and he made their pay right good as other Realms had done who had learned ye Science. For before St Albans time; in Brittain a Mason had but for his pay one penny p day and his meat: but he advanced And amended the wages and pay of Masons from a penny a day and meat their Antient pay to two Shillings and Sixpence p Week and three pence. And he also procured a Charter to Masons in England that they might hold a General meeting & Councel, and he gave it the Name of an Assembly, and to encourage the Fraternity went to the Assemblies himself wch was held by Virtue of ye charter which he had procured and did help to make Masons and he Confirmed again all the former Charges and it was Called the sixth Charge given to Masons by St Alban.

Soon after the death of St Alban their Came diverse Wars into the Realm, and diverse other Nations did inhabit it, So that the good Rule of Masonry was much decayd till the time of King Athelstone who was a worthy King of England and Brought the Land to good rest and peace and did build many good works as Abbeys and Sewers and other Buildings and he Loved Masons much more than his Father did.

THE THIRD PRINCE WHICH WAS MASON.

Edwyn or Edgar the Son of Athelstone was a favourer of Masons above his father he was a great Practiser in Geometry or Masonry wch drew him much to talk wth Masons and to Comune wth them and to Learn of them Masonry & afterwards for the Love that he Bare unto Masons and their Science he was made a Mason and obtain'd of his Faiber Athelstone a Charter for the Masons in England wch Charter he himself made and Ordaind It should be Renewed from King to King, and a Comission to hold once Every year an Assembly where they would in any place wthin the Realm of England wth power to correct wthin themselves defaults and Trespasses that were done by Masons against ye science And he also after haveing procured the Charter and Comission held an Assembly at York this was the third and Best Charter that was granted to Masons; and the Second Assembly of Masons in England; and being gathered together he made a Cry or Proclamation after this manner

That all Masons both old and young that had any Writeings or Understandings of the Charges, or Manners of Masons that were in this Land or any other that they should shew them forth: Then after the Proclamation Every Mason that had any such Writeings did shew them forth: and there was some found Written in Greek, some in French and some in English and other Languages yet their Intent was found to be all one. Then Prince (Edwyn or Edgar) wth the Best advice of all the Masters and Fellows ordained that the Charges following, wch (being only a Confirmation of the former Charges again wch were given by Nimrod &c.) should be Inviolably kept for Ever hereafter and from that day untill this time the Charges and Manners of Masons have been kept in that form, as well as Men might Govern itt.

At the same time a Book was Comanded to be made wherein should be recorded How the Science was first found out and that all the Charges and Manners of Masons should be Written in the same. At the same Assembly likewise it was ordained that when any Mason Should be made That the said Book should be read, and told to him, to give him his charge wch he is to keep inviolably wth an Oath to be then administered to him.

THE FORM OF THE OATH.

These charges wch wee now rehearse to you, and all other the Charges, Secrets and Mysteries belonging to Free-Masonry, you shall faithfully and truly keep together with the Councel of this Lodge or Chamber. You shall not for any Gift, Bribe or Reward favour or Affection directly or Indirectly for any Cause whatsoever divulge or disclose to either Father or Mother Sister or Brother Wife Child friend Relation or Stranger or any other prson whatsoever. So help you God yor Holy doom and the Contents of this Book.

WHO SHALL ADMINISTER THE OATH.

Unus ex Senioribus teneat Librum ut ille vej. illi ponat vol ponant Manum vol Manus supra Librum et tunc pcepta hanc sequentia delibera bit Logi; then after the Oath taken, and the Book kist these following pcepts and Charges (wch he or they are or is to keep) are to be read.

THE ADMONITION TO THE PARTIE OR PARTIES WHO ARE TO BE MADE MASONS BEFORE THE READING OF THE CHARGE.

Now you that are to be made Masons and charged take good heed

that you keep these Charges well, wth an upright faith and Good Conscience according to the Oath you have taken for it is a great perril for a Man to forswear himself upon the Holy Bible.

THE CHARGE CALLED PRINCE EDWIN'S CHARGE WCH COMPREHENDS ALL YE FOREGOING CHARGES.

- 1 The first Charge is you shall be true men God and his Holy Church and that you use not countenance or Maintain any Error Faction Schism or Herety in the Church to the Best of yor understandings or Can be Convinced by Discreet or Wise Men's teaching.
- 2 Secondly. You shall Bear true Allegiance to yo King without any Treason or Falsehood to him; And if you know any Treason or falsehood you shall not conceal the same But shall thereof forthwth warne the King and his Councel; and if you know yorself guilty Repent to God privately yorself for that offence * * * * *
- 3 Thirdly. You shall Love and be true to every Mason of the Science of Masonry if he be a Mason Lawfully made and allowed And you shall do to him or them as you would be done by.
- 4 You shall call Masons yor Brethren or Fellows and not Call them by any disgracefull or Ugly names as Slave, Knave, Rogue, &c. to their Discredit.
- 5 You shall not take yor fellows Wife to Villany nor Ungodly desire, his Daughter, or his Maid, Nor Covet any thing that is his, Nor put him to any.
- 6 You shall not take in Hand any Thing to Doe yor Brothers or fellows any wrong.
- 7 You shall not (nor any other Mastr or fellow) either Directly or Indirectly for any allowance reward or other Consideration whatsoever of yorself or any fewer number than Seven (wch number is Term'd a Lodge) or Six at the Least wth the Consent of a Seventh tho' absent Whose consent must appear undr his Hand Writing to the Lodge to make any man a free-Mason.
- 8 You shall admitt no prson to be made a free mason who is not able in all manner of Degrees (that is to say) he shall be free Born Bond man, and to have all his Limbs pfect as a man ought to have.
- 9 You shall not Slander one another Behind his Back to make him Loose his good name or his Worldly Goods.
- 10 You shall at all Times receive Strange Masons and fellows and Cherish and Relieve them when they come over the Country (if upon Examination they appear to be free-Masons) and set them on Work as the manner is. If you have no Mold nor Stones at the place where you meet you shall refresh him with Money unto the next Lodge.
- 11 You shall not make any Mold, Square, or Rule for any that is but a Lewis, a Lewis is such an one as hath served an Apprentiship to a Mason but is not admitted afterwards according to this manner and Cstom of Makeing Masons.
- 12 If any Quarrel or Difference arise amongst Masons or any Trespasses or Transgressions be Committed by any Mason against ye Science; Then an Assembly ought to be Called to be held in some Convenient place for the Determining, Redressing, Correcting and amending such Matters and ye parties are to refer themselves wholly to the Judgment of the Assembly and to submitt themselves to the award and Determination whose Award is finall and from wch there is no appeal. But if the Assembly cannot Determine and agree the Controversie. Then (by the Assent and Consent of the Assembly being first asked and Obtain'd) they may go to Law but yet wth so much Love one to another yt the Law may only decide the Cause and not procure any Evil will betwixt them.
- 13 You must not upon any excuse whatsoever (unless real Sickness or Disability of Body) absent yorselves from this Assembly If it be wthin fifty miles, about you if you have a Letter or any other Notice to signifie to you ye time and place where held.
- 14 You shall not in the Lodge, or without Swear any ungodly Oath or Prophane Gods Sacred name.
- 15 You shall at all times Chearfully and Bountifully distribute yor Charity to the Relief of Poor Sick and distressed fellow Masons.
- 16 You shall not give any Evil Councel to one another neither Reprove one another without Just Cause.
- 17 You shall not be a Letcher or Whoremaster nor be at any time Bawdy where by the Science may be Slandered.
- 18 You shall not be a Comon player at Cards or Dice or any other unlawfull game.
- 19 You shall not be a Comon Drunkard.
- 20 If you be in a Town or Corporation where there is a Lodge of Sufficient Fellows you shall not go into the Town on the night time Unless you have a fellow wth you that may bear you Witness that you was in an Honest place.
- 21 Every Mason shall Reverence his Elder and put him to Worship.

PRACTISER'S.

- 22 No Mason that practiseth the Science and is a Workman shall take upon him any Lords or other persons work, as Mastr thereof unless he know himself to be of Sufficient skill to perform and End the same, Least the Lord should not

be truly served and the Science be Slandred and Dis-worshipped.

- 23 No Master shall take any Work But upon such Reasonable termes yt ye Lord may be truly and Justly Servd to his own good and the Mastr live Honestly and to pay his Fellows truly there as the manner is.
- 24 That no Mason whether Master or fellow shall Supplant one another of their Work (that is to Say) If any Mason have taken any work or stand Mastr of ye work He shall not be put out of that place unless he be unable of Skill to perform, & End the same If he be then he must be put out and one of the most Skillfull and Best workmen to be placed in his Stead and he to work as fellow. He that is Master of the work must be owned for and called by the name of Magtr by all the Lodge during the whole time and Continuance of the work.
- 25 No Mason wtssoever shall take an apprentice to Serve for any Less Term than Seven Years Compleat without any Deceit or Antedateing his Indentures & not unless the said Apprentice be able of Birth free Born of Good Kindred true and be whole in his Limbs as a man ought to be.
- 26 No Mason shall take an Apprentice unless he have sufficient Occupation or Work to imploy him in And have two or three more fellows at Least.
- 27 No Masons shall put any Lords or other persons Work to task that was wont to Go Journey Work.
- 28 Every Mastr Mason shall be Ready to give pay to his fellows No otherwise then as he or they may deserve, so yt there may be no deceit by false Workmen.
- 29 Every Mason shall be true to the Lords or Masters he Serveth and truly Serve him for his pay to his Best prfitt and advantage.
- 30 No Mason shall be a Thief or Thevish, or a Companion of Thieves, so farr forth as he may Witt and Know.
- 31 No Mason shall do any wrong or Villany in the place where he Boardeth and Lodgeth, but shall behave himself Civilly and pay Honestly for his Meat, drink, and Lodgeing, and all other Charges that he ought to pay.
- 32 Every Master Mason and fellow shall truly make an End of his work Let it either be Task-Work or Journey-Work if you have your Covenant and all that you ought to have.

These be the Charges that Prince Edwin or Edgar Made at his Assembly held at York, which he Ordained to be Observed for Ever. The Said Prince at his Assembly made Masons and Swore them to the Observation of these Charges, which since His Time have been always Given to Masons when they were admitted and made.

THE ADMONITION TO YE OLD MASONS AFTER YE READING YE CHARGES.

Every Man that is a Mason, either Mastr Fellow or Brother in ye Science take Right good-heed to these Charges And if any of you find himself Guilty and to have Transgressed any of these Charges yt he amend himself to God and do so no more.

Then let the prson wch is to be made a Mason chuse out of the Lodge any one Mason who is to Instruct him in those Secrets wch must never be Committed to Writeing Which Mason he must alway Call his Tutor then let the Tutor take him into another Room and shew him all the whole Mistery that at his return he may Exercise wth the rest of his fellow Masons.

Gram: Loquitor, Dio: vera docet Rhet: verba Colorat Mus: Canit, Ar: Numerat, Geo: penderat, As: Colitastra.

FINIS.

A silver casket was presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, by the brethren of that Province, on the occasion of his marriage. The casket is of Gothic design, in silver, partially gilt, and placed on an ebony stand. The front panel shows, in raised enamel, the Grand Master's collar and jewel; on the reverse, His Royal Highness's Arms, &c. At each corner is placed the Royal supporters, and the casket is surmounted by the coronet of His Royal Highness resting on a cushion. At each end is a raised medallion, with inscriptions as follow:—

"Presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire."

"On his marriage, by his brethren in the Province. A.L. 5882."

The execution of this work was entrusted to Messrs. Ortner and Houle, Designers to Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, &c., and has been carried out by this eminent firm in a highly artistic and satisfactory way.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—For the cure of burns, scalds, wounds, and ulcers, this justly celebrated Ointment stands unrivalled. Its bal-amic virtues, immediately on application lulls the pain and smarting, protect the exposed nerves from the air, give to the vessels the vigour necessary to heal the sore, and coffer on the blood a purity which permits it only to lay down healthy flesh in place of that destroyed. Holloway's Pills, simultaneously taken, must assist the Ointment's purifying and soothing power. Together these medicines act like a charm; no invalid, after a fair trial has found them fail to relieve his pain or completely cure his disease. The combined action of the Ointment and Pills, in all disorders, is too irresistible to be withstood.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd of May next, at six o'clock in the evening.

The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business, to be read.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes (as follows) will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January to the 18th April 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter . . .	1620	3	1	Disbursements during the quarter . . .	237	4	7
„ Unappropriated Account . . .	183	6	5	Balance . . .	1813	17	2
Subsequent Receipts . . .	447	11	2	„ in Unappropriated Account . . .	199	18	11
	£2251	0	8		£2251	0	8

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Henry William Loof as Z., Edgar Grove Roderick as H., William Henry Hugh Money as J., and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Hope, No. 413, Meerut, to be called "The Prinsep Chapter," and to meet at Meerut, Bengal, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Companions John Greenlaw Forbes as Z., William R. Barry as H., the Rev. Edmund Jermyn as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Kumaon Lodge, No. 1870, Nynee Tal, to be called "The Gabriel Chapter," and to meet at Nynee Tal, Bengal, in the East Indies.

3rd. From Companions Edwin Groves as Z., Cornelius G. Adames as H., Thomas Good as J., and seventeen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, Landport, to be called "The Landport Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, Haats.

4th. From Companions John Straker Wilson as Z., Richard Eynon as H., John Braithwaite as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Gosforth Lodge, No. 1664, Gosforth, to be called "The Gosforth Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth, in the County of Northumberland.

5th. From Companions Arthur Bott Cook, as Z., Edgar Alexander Baylis as H., Alfred Cooper as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, London, to be called "The Studholme Chapter," and to meet at 33 Golden-square, London.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G.Pr. Soj.

Grand Treasurer,

President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

19th April 1882.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

THE COLUMN BROKEN.

"His work was not done, but his column is broken."

His work was not done, but his column is broken;
Mourn ye and weep, for ye cherished his worth;
Let every tear-drop be sympathy's token,
Lost to the Brotherhood, lost to the earth.

His work had been planned by a Wisdom supernal;
Strength has been given him meet for the same;
Down in the midst he has fallen, and vernal
Leaves fall about him and whisper his fame.

His work was to build: on the walls we beheld him—
Swiftly and truly they rose 'neath his hand;
Envious death with the gavel has felled him,
Plumb-line and trowel lie prone on the land.

His work thus unfinished to us is entrusted;
MASTER of Masons, give strength, we entreat,
Bravely to work with his implements rusted,
Wisely to build till the Temple's complete!

ROB. MORRIS, in the *Masonic Review*.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 29th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1274—Burdett Conts. Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junction, at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 1st MAY.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1633—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1841—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court, H. tel. West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Br. cklely.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 109—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smaller's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 404—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1230—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1542—Legion, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
 1575—Olive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1574—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1574—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
 1574—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1793—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 2nd MAY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 19—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 990—Polihonic, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
 1294—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1364—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Eden, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st., at 8 (In.)
 1605—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleonor, Tracadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham

- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 154—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caltonia-road, Batley
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 1473—Rootie, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal

WEDNESDAY, 3rd MAY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1791—Crenon, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthsh
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Tillot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1645—Colno Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwaite
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 R.A. 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

THURSDAY, 4th MAY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)

211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppney
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shorditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Taver, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 251—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 360—Pomert, 'Abington Street, Northampton.
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nunaton
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Built, Breconshire
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 5th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-se., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.30
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 401—Royal Forest, Hawk to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—'Highwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—'Sherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 6th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 171—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 198—Perey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 1243—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1153—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LORD WARDEN LODGE, No. 1096.

THIS Lodge was convened on Friday, the 21st inst., at the St. George's Hall, Park-street, Deal, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of installing Brother G. Band S.W. the W.M. elect. This was one of the most numerously attended meetings of this Lodge that have been held for several years past, doubtless owing to the high estimation in which Bro. Band is deservedly held, and augurs a prosperous year of office for him. To add to this distinction, the Very Worshipful D.P.G.M. of Kent honoured the Lodge with his presence, and was received with the usual honours. There were present Bros. W. Carterfield W.M., E. Kirby P.M. P.G.S., T. Ayling P.P.G.D.C. as S.W., J. Laggett P.M. as J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.P.G.C. Chaplain, T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Hon. Sec., H. R. L. Botting, Rev. R. Measham P.P.G. Chaplain Devon, H. Chambers S.D., E. Rew J.D., G. C. Harding I.G., F. Leith P.M. M.C., J. Webb Steward, S. Holgate Tyler; also Bros. J. Shepherd, J. Horne, T. Park, S. Willey, R. Daval, J. Fawcett, H. Roberts, G. Wood, J. Trollope, G. Coan, R. S. Davey J.W. Visitors—Bros. V.W. D.P.G.M. J. S. Eastes, A. Wilson P.M. P.P.G.B., A. T. Wilson 199, W. Anderson 407, A. F. S. Bird P.M. P.P.G.S.W., T. Bent P.M., B. Wood P.M., J. F. Solly W.M. 784, F. W. Evans, F. E. Hast 1174, C. Baker P.M., W. J. Hughes W.M. 1206, W. O. Kennett 1208, H. Williams 1536, and E. J. Mortimer. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, according to the usages of the Craft, Brother Kirby P.M. Treasurer proceeded to instal the W.M. elect into the chair of K.S., in a manner that has rarely been equalled, and never excelled. After the usual salutations, the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. Carterfield I.P.M., R. S. Davey S.W., H. Chambers J.W., J. B. Harrison Chaplain, E. Kirby Treasurer, T. J. Usher Secretary, H. R. L. Botting Organist, E. Rew S.D., G. C. Harding J.D., J. W. Court I.G., F. Leith M.C., J. Fawcett and J. Shepherd Stewards, Simeon Holgate Tyler. The W.M. on rising said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was, in the name of the Lodge, to present Brother J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain P.P.G.C. with a Past Master's jewel, in the name of the brethren, as a token of their appreciation of his connection with the Lodge since its foundation, and wishing him many years of life to wear it, and continue his valuable services to the Lodge. The present and compliment were gracefully and feelingly acknowledged. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the Very Worshipful D.P.G.M. for the honour of his presence, to the visiting brethren, and to the Installing Master for his valuable services. This brought the Lodge business to a close. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet-room, where they sat down to an excellent repast provided by Brother Spurrier, and served in a manner that elicited the warmest praise of all present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk after the usual speeches had been given. Very powerful appeals were made on behalf of our useful Charities, and many excellent suggestions were thrown out by the speakers, which, if followed, would result in very large additional support to the Institutions. The proceedings were varied by the performance of the following selection of music by Bro. Botting, Messrs. Davies and Johnston, accompanied by Mr. Nash:—The National Anthem, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," "In the Gloaming," "The Lost Child," "The Diver," "Of all the Brave Birds," "Mark the Merry Elves," "The Lighthouse Light," "The Wreath," "A Tale of Woe," "The Village Blacksmith," and "Auld Lang Syne." After the Tyler's toast, the whole of the company joining hands, heartily sang "Auld Lang Syne," and then separated with the feeling of having spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on the 22nd inst. Present—Bros. Dignam W.M., C. Weeden S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Ferrar S.D., Brasted J.D., Airey I.G.; also Bros. Gush, Wolf, Gribbell, Sharpe, G. Taylor, Houghton, R. M. Jones, J. A. Powell, A. R. Green, &c. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wolf being the candidate. Bro. Percy worked the third section, assisted by Bro. G. Ferrar. Bro. Gush answered the usual queries, and Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Percy worked the third section of the second lecture, assisted by Bro. C. Weeden. Lodge resumed and Bro. Percy worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Wolf, and Bro. Gush the second, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Airey jun., Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298 was elected a member. Bro. Weeden was appointed to preside on Saturday, the 6th May, and Bro. Gush will preside on Saturday, the 29th inst., to work the Fifteen Sections.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., Friday, 28th April. Bros.

J. N. Bate W.M., F. Thurston S.W., H. Williams J.W., E. A. Francis S.D., H. Goodwin J.D., John James I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Sec., James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Hon. Preceptor. Past Master J. Letchford, C. Patrick, J. W. Smith, C. Simes, C. H. Phillips, A. T. Chambers, R. Walden, and others. Lodge was opened and passed to second degree. Bro. Patrick as candidate for raising proved proficient. Lodge opened in third degree, and the ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Stevens then gave some explanations of certain passages in the ceremonial ritual of raising, which greatly interested the brethren, and added to their general information on the subject. The Lodge was closed down with due regularity, and the first and fourth sections of the first degree were worked by the brethren. Bro. F. Thurston was elected W.M. for the week ending Friday, 28th April, and as according to the Bye-Laws the fourth Friday is at the disposal of the W.M., announced that the business would be the rehearsal of the ceremonies in the first and third degrees, and the delivery of the charge in the first degree by Bro. S. B. Sargeant, a newly-initiated member of the Order. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated after a most instructive evening.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Monday, the 24th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. Cotton took the chair, and appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Brooks S.W., Nicholson J.W., Brown S.D., Taplin J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler; there were also present Bros. Tucker Preceptor, and Phillips. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Taplin was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Taplin was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Tucker as candidate. Bro. Brooks will take the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Tucker intimated that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on Thursday next, at the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, and asked for the attendance of the brethren; he also promised to arrange for the working of the Sections in the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was then closed with the usual formalities.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present Bros. C. E. Botley Hon. Secretary W.M., Goss P.M. S.W., Gunner J.W., Blasby P.M. S.D., Maton J.D., F. Botley I.G.; Andrews P.M.; Bros. Dorey and Turner. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremonies of initiation and raising. Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for 28th April.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—At the Lamb Tavern, Bethnal-green Junction, G.E.R., on Saturday, 22nd April. Bros. Richardson W.M., Startevant S.W., Stewart J.W., Hammond S.D., Brittain J.D., J. K. Startevant I.G., Moss Preceptor, Hand Secretary, Chitson, &c. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Chitson candidate. Bro. Hammond worked the first section, Brother Brittain the second, and Brother Hand the third section, assisted by Bro. Moss. Bro. Moss worked the fourth section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Startevant will occupy the chair of W.M. at next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here on the second Saturday in May.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—The annual supper of the above Lodge took place on Monday last, at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-square. After the formal business of the evening was gone through, the brethren sat down to a capital repast, excellently served by the proprietor, Bro. Longhurst. Bro. A. Trewinnard Preceptor, and P.M. of the mother Lodge, presided, and the Vice-President's chair was filled by Bro. R. P. Forge W.M. 1950. There were also present Bros. J. Terry P.M. 228, C. K. Killick P.M. 1693, J. Osborn W.M. 1602, H. Hall W.M. elect 1693, Woodman S.D. 1950, J. King S.W. 1929, J. Strugnell S.W. 1745, Townley 201, W. Wright Organist 1897, R. M. Jones 1415, Defriez 1693, J. A. Powell 186, Rowston, Morgan Sec. 211, Jordan 141, Gibbs, Curtis, W. Bartle 1693, Goddard 1155, Longhurst 898, &c. On the cloth being removed the President gave the Loyal toasts, which were done full honour to. To Bro. Terry was entrusted the toast of the evening—Prosperity to the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the names of Bro. Trewinnard, its Preceptor, and Bro. Forge Secretary. Bro. Terry referred to the consecration of the mother Lodge, and also to the establishment of the Lodge of Instruction. Both had been successful, and this success was mainly due to Bro. Trewinnard. In reply, Bro. Trewinnard said that what he had done in the past he would strive to do in the future. Both Lodge and Lodge of Instruction had done something for the Charities, and he looked forward to the time when they might be Vice-Presidents of one, if not more, of the Institutions. Bro. Forge also acknowledged the compliment. The evening was enlivened by some capital singing; Bros. Townley, Woodman, King, Snook, &c. distinguished themselves. Bro. Wright, as accompanist, proved himself a most competent pianist.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 24th April, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bros. D. Moss S.D. 1275 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 551 and 933 S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 J.W., B. Stewart Secretary, W. Musto P.M. 1349 S.D., Brittain J.D., W. J. Musto I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Bell 1178, T. W. Jones 917, Scheerboom 781, Breden 781, B. Cundick 1421, J. Berry 554, Anning 1625, Evans W.M. 1260. Bros. Randell, Eschwege, Richardson, Hammond, Coote, Bonner, Syer, Clements,

Hubbert, McDonald, T. Clark, Anderson, Harvey, Deeks, H. J. Musto, Caton, Deeson, Pringle, Robinson, J. Taylor, Richmond, and G. H. Stephens. Lodge was opened in the first, second, and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Hammond, Brittain, Hubbert, T. Clark, W. Musto, B. Cundick, T. J. Barnes. Second Lecture—W. J. Musto, Eschwege, Stewart, Pringle, W. H. Myers. Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, McDonald, Taylor. Bro. T. Deeks 1349, W. J. Musto 1349, H. W. Caton 205, and M. Cohen 205 were unanimously elected members of this Lodge. Bro. Musto proposed, and Bro. Barnes seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. Moss had put the questions, and that he be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes thanked the brethren who had worked the sections, and especially praised the younger members for the manner in which they had fulfilled their duties.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—Which has been held temporarily at the Adam's Arms, Hampstead-street, Fitzroy-square, during the rebuilding of Bro. Devine's premises, will return to the old quarters, the Blue Post, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, on the 1st of May. A commodious room has been built by Bro. Devine for the accommodation of the brethren.

St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891.—At the usual weekly meeting, held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on the 24th April. Bro. Neilson W.M. of the Creation Lodge, No. 1791, presided, and rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree in his usual careful and correct manner. Bro. Morley was elected to fill the office of W.M. at the next meeting; this, we have no doubt, he will do efficiently, as although he is but a young Mason, he already evinces a thorough appreciation of our mysteries, and an earnest desire to prove himself a worthy Craftsman. This Lodge of Instruction has Bro. H. E. Frances, a Past Grand Officer of Surrey, as its Preceptor, and, under his able tuition, it is making steady progress.

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, LA TRAVIATA. On Monday, LES HUGUENOTS. On Tuesday, DINORAH. On Wednesday, AIDA.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, A SIMPLE SWEET. At 8.15, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, ODETTE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8.15, MANOLA.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

AVENUE.—At 8, MADAME FAVART. This day (Saturday) at 2 also.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

COMEDY.—At 8, BOCCACCIO.

GLOBE.—At 8, COMEDIETTA. At 8.30, FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD.

GAIETY.—At 7.15, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.30, THE FORTY THIEVES.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.50, MOTHER-IN-LAW. At 9.50, VULCAN, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, TEN MINUTES FOR REFRESHMENT. At 8, NOT REGISTERED. At 9.15, SINDBAD.

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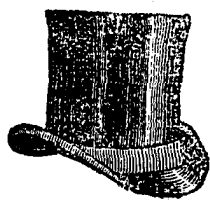


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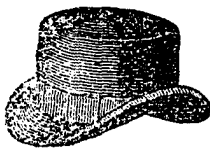
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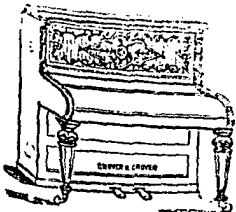
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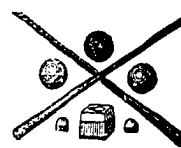
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